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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR CHAPLAINS AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

Subj: STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2004

- 1. The Strategic Leadership Symposium (SLS 2004) will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Saint Petersburg, Florida, 26-28 January 2004. This will prove to be a very important week for the United States Navy Chaplain Corps. All chaplains with the rank of Captain or Captain (select) are invited. Likewise, all RP Master Chiefs should plan on attending.
- 2. As you are aware, this is both an exciting and challenging time for our Religious Ministry Teams, our Corps and our Navy. This symposium will allow our senior leadership to wrestle with internal issues unique to our corps as well as with the changes that will come as a result of the larger DoD and DoN transformation process. As a team we will develop the most effective means of meeting the ministerial needs of God's people in the sea services.
- 3. All sessions will take place in the Hilton, St. Petersburg conference facilities. Activities will include an evening Welcome Hour with a no host bar on Sunday from 1900-2100, a Tuesday Fellowship Buffet Luncheon and a Wednesday Service that will include prayer, spiritual renewal and professional reaffirmation.

4. For Chaplains and RPs arriving 25 January 2004:

- a. Reservations for lodging: To make your room reservations please call the Hilton @ St. Petersburg, 1-800-944-5500. Be sure to tell them you are attending the Chief of Navy Chaplain's Symposium in order to receive the government per diem rate. Hotel reservations must be made NLT 22 December 2003.
- b. There will be no conference fee collected this year. In order to provide you with a continental breakfast, coffee, juice, water and snacks through out the day, we have arranged with the hotel and catering service to bill your room for costs. Everyone that registers for the conference and attends will be billed the same amount. Likewise, this same procedure will be utilized for the Tuesday Fellowship Buffet Luncheon.
 - c. Uniforms: The uniform for the conference is Service Khaki.
 - d. Spouses: Spouses are welcome. There are many activities

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within walking distance of the hotel. We have made arrangements with the Florida Visitors Bureau to provide vacation information folders. They will be available at check in.

- e. Conference duration: Check in on Sunday, 25 Jan 03, from 1800-1900 or Monday, 26 Jan 03, from 0700-0900. Our staff will collect your TAD orders at this time. Please make sure you have your orders with you. The SLS will conclude Wednesday, 28 Jan 03, at 1600.
- 5. Please register online as soon as possible for the SLS on the Chaplain Corps Website at www.chaplain.navy.mil. Confirmation of SLC attendance must be received by **8 Jan 04.** The SLS point of contact is RPC(SW/AW) Marianne Howell (marianne.howell@navy.mil), Commercial 703-614-4436 DSN 224-4436. As a reminder, registration for the SLS on the website is not the same as reserving your lodging at the Hilton in St. Petersburg. The Hilton must be contacted separately. We are looking forward to seeing you in Florida.

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